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displacers, have parallel input and output faces. The prisms of Zhang, as modified by the examiner, are therefore not the prisms of Hesline. The prisms of Zhang and the prisms of Hesline are mutually exclusive.

Amendments to Claims

All claims are amended.

In the claims as formerly amended a birefringent wedge was taken as a birefringent prism with oblique input and output faces. To avoid further objection regarding shape, claims 13 and 14 have been amended to describe each birefringent wedge as a birefringent prism with oblique input and output faces.

The device of Zhang is a dispersion compensation system. The devices claimed in claims 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the present invention are an optical isolator, an optical attenuator, an optical circulator and an optical switch.

Claims 17, 18, 19 and 20 have been amended to further define and distinguish these devices from Zhang's device.

Claims 17, 18, 19 and 20 are all dependent upon claim 13.

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Yours sincerely,



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